

FAVORS HIGH TAX ON WAR PROFITS

Senator Wm. H. Thompson voted for the highest war profits tax presented for consideration last week in Congress, being one of the small handful of senators who had the courage to take such a radical stand against the big business interests. Here are some excerpts from the speech he made explaining his vote on the Hollis amendment.

"To capitalize the misfortunes of the Nation when it is in war simply to make money is about as bad as refusing to defend the country."

"The rank and file of the people are willing to do their part, to sacrifice their lives, their homes, and all their earnings and property if necessary, and they simply want to know that the more fortunate man in business or in inheritance will do his part."

I have believed in the Government taking as much of the actual war profits, or profits made directly out of the misfortunes and necessities of war, as is practicable, and to apply such profits to the prosecution of the interests of all the people of the country.

As has been ably explained by the Senator from New Hampshire, his present amendment will enable the country to raise an additional revenue of about \$400,000,000 and save us the necessity of taxing tea, coffee, cocoa, and sugar, the ordinary breakfast drinks and food of the common people. This amendment will enable us to get the necessary revenue from those who are best able to pay and who derive a direct pecuniary benefit from the war without resorting to the breakfast table to pay the deficiency, and I trust it will prevail."

N. A. Smith of near Hayne was in the city Saturday and brought to the market a number of squashes. One of the vines is 42 feet long and is as yet growing. One of the squashes is three feet long and 32 inches around. Mr. Smith has had a good season this year, and is feeling pretty good about it.

Sooner or later you will buy a De Laval. Why not now?
17-t2c THOS. W. GAW.

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PUBLICATION SUMMONS.
The State of Kansas, to Thomas Jefferson Layton:

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the District court of Seward county, Kansas, in an action for divorce, costs of suit and attorney fee, wherein Luella Abigail Layton is plaintiff and you are defendant; that unless you answer said petition on or before the 20th day of October, 1917, the same will be taken as true and a decree and judgment rendered accordingly.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court, this 20th day of Aug. 1917.
(Seal) CHAS. M. TUCKER,
14-4t Clerk, District Court.

IN THE SUNFLOWER STATE.

"A fleet of airplanes, probably eight in number, passed over Dodge City early Friday evening."

"Where the airplanes came from and where they were going is a mystery so far as local people are concerned, but the flying machines were clearly seen by a number of Dodge City persons who believe they could not have been mistaken about what the objects were."

The above story is from the Dodge City Globe, and was printed as a fact, not a joke, a guess being made that the planes were enroute to or from Fort Sill, and Dodge City's dry, too. Now in the olden days—Hutchinson News.

The Kansas State Fair began at Hutchinson Saturday and big crowds are attending.

Kansas apple growers report a good crop this season and a good market awaits the fruit.

H. W. Davis, of the Kansas State Agricultural College, has been appointed executive secretary of the state food administration. He has charge of a large clerical force.

A correspondent to the Wichita Beacon sends this from Halstead: "As a result of the scarcity of hands to help with the farm work farmers have to resort to all sorts of schemes to get the necessary work done. As an illustration of this, Frank Ashcraft, living four miles east of here, used a bunch of goats in his silo to tramp silage. One man handled the distributor and the billy goats did the rest. When they reached the top they were lowered to the ground by means of a rope tied around the horns. The good time for the goats will come this winter when the feed is opened."

"Reclaiming arid west" is the slogan for the State Irrigation Congress at Scott on September 26-27. It isn't far to water in the White Woman basin and pumps can easily bring the water to the surface. There should have been greater irrigation development years ago, but just as many opportunities are not noticed, this has been permitted to pass.

Robbers tried to blow open a bank safe at Milford, Friday night, but the citizens with rifles and shot guns wouldn't let them alone, so they escaped on a gasoline gas car.

Pawnee county is building a new court house, and it is to be one of the finest in the state.

E. R. Hess drove a number of people from Kismet Monday to attend the festivities given by the Rebekahs of this city Monday night.

THE FIRST AMERICAN TO PUT FLAG ON BATTLEFIELD.

Although an Orphan and Waif of the World, the Soldier of Fortune Has Written His Name on the Pages of History.

Gunner William Clancey, the first American to put the Stars and Stripes on the battle field in this war, has written from a hospital at Cottenham, Cambridge, England, an account of that historical day on which Old Glory first flapped in the smoke filled air in this war for democracy. A soldier of fortune and an orphan, Gunner Clancey has fought since the early days of the war. Waif of the world that he is, his name will go down on the pages of history in indelible ink.

"It was Sunday morning, April 8, 1917," he writes, "that I heard through battery orders that the United States had declared war on Germany. How glad I was. I went to my kit bag and took out Old Glory, which I always carried with me. I thought the day would come when I could place it on the battlefield to show the enemy."

"We were to advance at 5:30 o'clock Monday morning. I went in to the trenches Sunday night. At 5:30 o'clock Monday morning word of command was given by all the officers: 'Over the top and rest of luck, for victory we want.'"

"The Canadians charged and I with them. I tied Old Glory to my bayonet and made the charge. It was the happiest day of my life. I went before the enemy and they were struck dumb. They did not know what it all meant. But they soon found out. I was cool headed, I assure you."

"There were some awful sights, too. One young fellow got hit with a piece of shell. He asked me to remember him to all his people in Newark, N. J. The last words he said were: 'Bill Clancey, I am glad I gave my life for the freedom of the world.' He died in my arms."

"So I let him lie, but just before he died he kissed my flag. 'Old Glory,' he said. And I told him: 'Yes, Old, and new glory, too.' Poor chap, I did not see him any more, for when I went forward again under heavy fire I met my accident."

"Old Fritz sent a shell over and it struck near me, blowing up some of the ammunition. Of course, I can only remember now that I was being dug out from a trench where I was buried alive. Now I am in England and have about recovered from the effects. I am waiting to be transferred to the American army."

Gunner Clancey belonged with the artillery. His charge over the top with the Canadians was made on his own initiative. He was born in Boston and is a great traveler and adventurer. For a time, as a boy, he lived with an aged grandmother at Ipswich, Wash. Then he was cured for by a Catholic priest at Denison, Texas. He happened to be in Paris when the war broke out, and enlisted in the Royal Field Artillery at Liverpool on September 27, 1914. After

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spending the winter in "billets" in Blackpool, he proceeded to France on March 2, 1915.

His first taste of the present war was at Halberstein, where his company, after digging positions, had them blown up by the enemy the very night the regiment was to go into action. At "The Bluffs," Neuve Chapelle, the next move, Gunner Clancey received his first wound. Sharpnel splinters from ya "sky burst," which went through his left cheek.

His next experience was six weeks later when he went with his regiment to Hollenzollern Redoubt, Hill 70 (Loos), where they were more or less in action for six months, and then proceeded to Gourmécourt, where they took the line over from the French. From here they got as far as Marseilles in order to embark for Egypt. After the infantry started, however, word came through that the artillery should disembark and proceed to Mount St. Eloi, and, in Gunner Clancey's words, there "they got a hot welcome from the Germans, with shells galore."

From there they proceeded to the Somme, where in an action near Deville Wood, another warm welcome awaited them, as can be imagined by the fact that three gun detachments were killed and nine men wounded out of Clancey's own battery. At Gourmécourt, on July 1, Gunner Clancey was again wounded by splinters, this time on the forehead, bridge of the nose and hand.

In September he went to "Hannah's Camp," and here received his most serious wound, a bullet penetrating his metal helmet and passing through the top of his head half an inch deep. At Hannah's Camp he now got two months' rest, during the evacuation of Gourmécourt, Monchavabois, Bucquois, Fescartes and Parau-me, afterwards proceeding to Arras, where the first battle took place on Easter Monday, April 9.

It was at this place Gunner Clancey had the honor of carrying the American flag into an action which he describes as awful and the worst bombardment he ever saw. Guns before, guns behind them and on each side, mines under the ground, and airplanes overhead. It was at 5:43 in the afternoon of this day that the Canadians took Vimy Ridge. With them were Gunner Clancey and Old Glory.—The Kansas City Star.

E. L. Gaskill and G. R. Gaskill came over from Moscow Sunday for a visit with their sisters, Miss Clementine Gaskill, and Mrs. J. B. Miller and family. J. R. is an attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, and only recently came from Canada, where he has been located for the past several years. This is the first time the brothers had met in fifteen years. In the evening Miss Gaskill and Mrs. Miller and family accompanied the boys back to Moscow, returning Monday and Mr. Gaskill left Tuesday for Kansas City.

T. J. McDermott is a new subscriber on the Democrat list.

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